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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Kindly amend the above identified patent application as indicated by the following:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2-4, 13-14 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 5-6, 8-9, 16-17, and 19-20 as follows:

The method of Claim [4] 21, responsive to said step of creating said second data file from said first data file, the method comprising the further step of executing said application program[, whereby said application program accesses] accessing said second data file.

At Claims 6, 8 and 9, line 1, please insert (Amended) after the claim number, delete [The method of Claim 4] and substitute therefor The method of Claim 21.

At Claims 16, 17, 19 and 20, line 1, please insert (Amended) after the claim number, delete [The method of Claim 15] and substitute therefor The method of Claim 22.

Kindly add new claims 21 and 22 as follows:

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